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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

President Roosevelt yesterday took prompt action on the request of the delegates from the Southern Cotton Growers' Convention with reference to measures to extend our cotton trade, but it is too late to have legislation passed at this session of Congress to provide for a commission to take charge of the question. —— Gen. Miles declines to reply to Mrs. Jefferson Davis' letter charging him with perpetrating cruelties on President Davis. —— Russia has agreed to terms of peace with the exception of the amount of indemnity she is to pay Japan. —— The Japanese occupy a very strong position at Muckden. —— Gen. Stoessel arrived in the Crimea yesterday, and many pathetic incidents occurred. —— The defence of Judge Swayne was begun in the Senate yesterday. —— Up to yesterday afternoon 50 dead miners had been taken from the mine near Birmingham, Ala., in which an explosion occurred Monday afternoon, entombing 160 men. —— The House yesterday passed the Philippine tariff bill, rejecting Democratic amendments to put cotton on the free list. —— Senator Elkins announced yesterday that there was no prospect for railroad rate legislation at this session of Congress. —— The Federal jury at Chicago has indicted members of the Beef Trust for violating Judge Grosscup's restraining order. —— Ten indictments have been made against Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick at Cleveland, Ohio, and her trial for conspiracy will begin next Monday. —— The cotton growers in several States organized yesterday, and to a convention held in Atlanta, the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company offered a contribution of $1,00 to aid in curtailing acreage and to cut down the use of fertilizers. —— In a Kentucky court yesterday, Berea College was fined $1,000 for co-education of races, and the case will go to the State Supreme Court and then to the United States Supreme Court. —— A deal is on foot to consolsdate all the coal and iron companies of the South and plans have been made to finance it. —— New York markets: Money on call steady at 2½@2½ per cent; cotton was quiet at 8,00; flour was dull and firm; wheat spot firm, No. 2 red $1.24½ f. o.b, afloat; corn, spot firm, No. 2 58c at elevator; oats, spot dull, mixed 26@32 pounds, 37@38c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 21.

Meteorological data for the twenty four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 46; 8 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum 45 degrees; mean 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 1.58; rainfall since first of the month to date, 5.41 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A.M., Tuesday 30.5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—For North Carolina: Partly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday; light variable winds.

RIVER WARNING.

RALEIGH, N. C, Feb. 21.—The Cape Fear river will reach 38 feet or slighly above within the next 24 hours; but, as the rains have ceased, the river will probably not remain high very long.

Port Almanac--February 22.

Sun Rises	6.42 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.47 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 5 M.
High Water at Southport	9.56 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington	12.26 P. M.

A New York Judge granted 17 divorces at the rate of one every ten minutes. Johann Hoch with his matrimonial troubles could keep that judge busy for 350 minutes and not half try.

It is announced that President Roosevelt will attend the Rough Riders' re-union at Waco, Texas, March 30th, and then hunt bears in eastern Texas. The cotton growers would like to see him on a bear hunt on Wall street.

Says the New York Tribune "President Castro seems to want to be his own Supreme Court, as well as his own Congress." There are others beside Castro, and we don't have to go to Castro's country to find them.

The Wisconsin Legislature has decided to appoint a committee to to investigate into the injury done to women by wearing some styles of corsets. Of course the General Assembly will insist on acting as a committee of the whole.

Every now and then some Congressman boasts about what we did to Great Britain in two wars and about how many bluffs we have worked on her, including the Venezuela incident. In the first place breaks like that display ignorance of history and everlastingly it is discourteous to a power with which we should cultivate the most amicable relations.

If you admire vesatility in a man Dr. J. H. Hensley, of Marion, O., will challenge your admiration. He writes life insurance, doctors the sick, preaches the patient's funeral if the worst comes, writes obituary notices, settles estates and secures a pension for the widow if one is coming to her. He also whiles away his time with politics and has served a term in the Ohio legislature.

The President is quick to hunt up precedents when objection is made to some of his policies. Precedents are not worth a dried apple if they are involved in error. By sticking to precedents the Czar of Russia has troubles that would take him an age to tell to an unwilling listener. There are precedents sound and precedents false. You can't lose us by merely citing anything as a precedent.

MUNICIPAL BILLS ARE O.K.

Mayor Springer, in Raleigh, Gives Interview With Reference to Measures. The School Law.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C, Feb. 21.—Mayor Springer, of Wilmington, who is here looking into the status of the several Wilmington bills pending in the Legislature, said to-night that he finds all except one in satisfactory condition. Owing to the fact that Senator Empie and Representative Boney both oppose the bill authorizing the city to lease the wharves and docks, he has decided to withdraw that bill. He also secured satisfactory changes in the bill as to providing better support for the public schools of the city. As the bill is now to be put through the Legislature it empowers the city authorities, if they see fit, to set aside one-third of the proceeds from the saloon license tax for the county school fund.

Mr. Springer says the street improvement bill, the public library bill, the Aldermen salary bill and the public park bill are all in good shape and the representatives propose to get them through without a hitch.

The A. & M. school bill from Wilmington is in Senator Empie's hands and will be introduced within a day or two.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Other locals, see fourth page.

— Services at First Church of Christ, Scientist, this evening at 8 o'clock, Odd Fellows' building, second floor. All are invited.

— Special convocation of Concocation of Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., this evening at 8 o'clock to confer Most Excellent Master's degree.

— A special meeting of the Endowment Rank No. 221, Knights of Pythias, will be held to-night at 8:30 o'clock in Pythian Castle Hall. A full attendance is desired.

— A special last night from Raleigh says: "Col. Walker Taylor, of Wilmington, was to-day elected by the State Board of Education a member of the board of directors of the State Normal and Industrial College."

— Two ex-soldiers of Fort Caswell have been jailed at Southport, charged with peddling liquor to the men at the post, where they formerly served. The men will be bound over to the next term of Federal Court in this city.

— A meeting of the stockholders of the Linville Improvement Company was held yesterday at the offices of Hugh MacRae & Co., but no business of public interest was transacted. The election of officers was deferred to another meeting.

— A large delegation of Wilmington business men expected to leave last night for Raleigh to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee in the pilotage matter, but the disappointing news came in the afternoon that the committee's consideration of the bill had been deferred until Friday. Indignation and surprise was expressed at the delay.

— The cotton market yesterday rallied a little from the slump of the day before. Futures opened off but more than made up the loss during the day, closing from 5 to 10 points up over closing the day before. New York spot was quiet at 8c. while the local market was steady at 7¾c. Local receipts were 215 bales against 103 same day last season.

— Young Mr. Arthur Bowden, 16 years old, No. 921 North Third street, is suffering with the very rare disease called purpura, which manifests itself by violent and continued hemorrhages of the nose and is characterized by purple spots all over the skin. Dr. S. E. Koonce is attending him. He was somewhat improved yesterday.

Building Spur Track.

There was filed for record at the Court House yesterday a "spur track agreement" between the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. and the Waccamaw Land and Lumber Co., by which the party of the first part agrees to furnish all material for the running of a side track from the joint track of the S. A. L. and A. C. L. roads, through the yards of the party of the second part, from a point about 67 feet south of Cowan street, and extending to the Port Warden's line in Cape Fear river, over trestle work to be constructed by the lumber company.

Operation For Appendicitis.

Mrs. J. A. White and daughter, Miss Mary, of Rocky Mount, and another daughter, Miss Bostick, of Asheville, arrived last evening and are guests of Mrs. Emma F. Robinson, No. 316 North Sixth street. Miss Mary White is here for an operation for appendicitis at the James Walker Memorial Hospital. Her many friends sincerely hope that the operation will be successful and that she will early be restored to perfect health again.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Notice—To Odd Fellows.
Platt & Haar—In and out.
W. B. Cooper—Field Peas.
Leger Meyer—Exclusive tailoring.
Masonic—Meeting Concord Chapter.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Horse—For sale.
Notice—To ladies.
Groceries—At a sacrifice.
W. K. Anders—Announcement.
Endowment Rank, K. of P.—Meeting

Big line of Silver just opened at Bissinger's.

IN THE LEGISLATURE.

New Trial Bill in Capital Cases Failed to Pass the House Yesterday.

THE WARD LIQUOR LAW.

House Committee Almost Unanimous for Favorable Report—Large Number of Local Bills in Both Houses—Sympathy for a Member.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.—In the Senate to-day the only important bill introduced was one by Senator Scales, of Guilford, amending the general school law, the main feature of the bill being a change of term for the county board of education. The bill provides that they shall be elected for six years instead of two, and fixes it so that one new member is named every two years.

In the House the bill allowing the Supreme Court to grant new trials in capital cases when new evidence is discovered was defeated after a spirited discussion. The only other State measure which passed the House was the McNinch anti-jug bill. The new trial bill was by Judge Winborne, of Hertford, and came up as unfinished business. Judge Winborne made an earnest appeal for the bill and Mr. Fowler, advocating the same, said as the law now stands, a suit involving a $10 cow is regarded as of more importance than a suit involving a man's life.

Mr. Laughinghouse, of Pitt, said the laws were all in favor of the criminal and that lawyers were trying to shield criminals by these laws, and that if a certain class of criminal lawyers kept on it would be easier to find undefiled religion in hell than justice in the courts of North Carolina. Mr. Stewart, of Harnet, in advocating the bill, resented the language of Mr. Laughinghouse, who later said he meant no reflection on the legal profession.

Judge Graham opposed the bill, saying the Legislature had no right to lay down rules for Supreme Court to go by. Mr. Redwine, Mr. Femister and Mr. Gower also opposed. Mr. Roberson advocated the bill. The vote was finally called and on third reading the bill failed, 55 to 46.

Mr. Woodward sent forward a resolution providing that in order to facilitate the business of the House, the gentleman from Greenville, Mr. Graham, and the gentleman from Hertford, Mr. Winborne, be required to vote on the same side sometimes; that the resolution be not debated by them nor should they be allowed to vote. Great laughter greeted this sally by Mr. Woodward.

PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL.

The Senate opened with prayer by Dr. A. H. Moment. Amany bills introduced were: By Sinclair, of Cumberland, to amend charter of Fayetteville, creating a Board of Public Works to have charge of all public utilities and internal improvement; also, a bill for an election in Fayetteville on the first Monday in May on a $30,000 bond issue, to pay for and enlarge the electric light plant; also, a bill prepared by H. McD. Robinson, to prevent fowls from running at large in Fayetteville; by Shaw, providing no county officer in Robeson shall serve more than two consecutive terms; by Webb, by request, amending the State constitution, so as to eliminate special and purely local bills from the legislature, and providing for general laws to cover these subject.

A resolution introduced by Senator Vann was unanimously adopted expressing unspeakable sympathy with Hon. S. M. Beasley, friend and colleague, for the great misfortune that has befallen him in the mysterious disappearance of his little eight-year-old son.

Senator Scales and Senator Zollicoffer were appointed on the South Dakota bond committee. The bill extending the A. & N. C. railroad charter was re-referred to the committee.

Among bills to pass third readings were: to prevent the sale of liquor in two miles of any church or school house in Waccamaw township, Columbus; to incorporate Oak Grove Cemetery Company in Robeson; to regulate the sale of seed cotton in Mecklenburg and Nash; to provide fire escapes and protect human life; joint resolution memorializing Congress to prohibit interstate commerce in adulterated and misbranded foods; to incorporate the Christian Orphanage.

IN THE HOUSE.

The House was opened with prayer by Rev. F. A. Bishop. Britt presented a petition from 230 citizens of Robeson asking for repeal of stock law. Among bills introduced were: By Lockhart, for relief of the clerk of the court of Anson county, and to allow the register of deeds to copy old dead and will books; by Shipman, for protection of fish in Lumber river; by Stewart, to create the township of Duke, in Harnett, and to provide for appointment of justices of the peace; by McQueen, to authorize Moore to issue bonds for roads; by Britt, to provide for construction of roads in Robeson; by Hollowell, to authorize sheriff of Wayne to receive a salary; by Austin, to repeal charter of Sandy Creek church, in Nash, and to provide for the working of roads in Cooper's township in Hyde county; by Woodard, to amend charter of Wilson, establishing police magistrate; by Bowman, to repeal chapter 349, laws 1903, known as the anti-jug law, applying to Mitchell, Cleveland and Gaston counties, making the carrier the agent of the sender.

Among bills passed were to incorporate the Southport and Southern Railway Company; to amend stock law in Falson township, in Duplin; to amend the charter of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Association; to facilitate trial of civil and criminal cases; to regulate sale of commercial feed stuff; to regulate sale of adulterated and misbranded foods; to define the place of sale of liquor in North Carolina.

WARD LIQUOR BILL.

The House Committee on Liquor Traffic, after a lengthy hearing this afternoon, decided by a vote of 26 to 4 to report the Senate Ward bill favorably. Only one Democrat, Murphy, of Rowan, voted for an unfavorable report. Speeches for the bill were made by Josephus Daniels, R. F. White, R. B. White, Henderson, and H. A. London, Pittsboro. C. Wilson and R. N. Hackett, of Wilkesboro, spoke against the bill.

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over in the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In Session Until Early Hour This Morning Wrangling Over the Liquor Plank of Democratic Platform.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.—At 12:30 this morning the Democratic Executive, Central and Advisory committees are still in session in the Hall of Representatives. When State Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order one of the first matters to arise was the election of a member of the Executive Committee to fill a vacancy. Senator Long, of Iredell, and Representative Murphy, of Rowan, an opponent of the Ward bill, were placed in nomination. This was largely regarded as a test vote and Long was elected, receiving 42 votes to 29 for Murphy.

After considerable discussion the committee went into executive session to confer about the legislation named in the request for the call. A discussion is now in progress as to the meaning of the platform on the Watts' act and there seems to be a wide difference of opinion as to its interpretation. A resolution has been offered against any interpretation of the platforms but there is such strong opposition that there is little prospect of its passing. All members are present in person or by proxy.

Before the committee went into executive session to night there was a sharp clash over the ruling by Chairman Simmons that members of the advisory and central committees should participate in the election of a successor on the executive committee to Dr. McLelland, member from the eighth district.

Murphy, of Rowan, had been nominated by R. H. Hackett and Long, of Iredell, by Col. Paul B. Means, the latter a member of central committee. Hackett raised the point that only a member of the executive committee should participate in the filling of a vacancy on the executive committee, other committees being creatures of the executive committee. Mr. Simmons ruled that members of all three committees should vote in the election, the ruling being greeted by applause, especially in the lobbies. Hackett said he was not surprised at such a ruling; it was just what he expected and Chairman Simmons expressed regret that the ruling did not meet with approval but that it must stand.

A motion to go into executive session was made by Donald Gilliam. Cameron Morrison noticed Governor Glenn in the hall and moved that he be allowed to remain.

In the midst of the protracted discussion over the executive session Geo. L. Morton obtained the floor and vigorously favored an executive session. He told of how during the last Legislature he opposed the Watts' bill but accepted the situation when the Democratic convention wrote its platform. He declared he would always stand by whatever the party wanted to do. He thought there was a difference of opinion as to what the platform meant and that this should only be discussed in executive session. In the midst of discussion as to the exclusion of all, except members, Governor Glenn addressed the committee, saying he was merely present as a private citizen and would not embarass the meeting further with his presence. With this the hall began to clear rapidly and by the time the motion for an executive session was adopted, nearly all were out.

At two o'clock the committee adjourned after adopting this resolution:

"Resolved that this committee take no action with regard to the matter set out in the call for the meeting."

This was adopted by a vote of 50 to 25. The ruling opinion seemed to be that the Ward bill having passed the Senate and received practically a unanimous favorable report from the House Committee, there was no necessity for construing the platform. Earlier in the meeting a resolution to adopt Mr. Simmons' letter to J. R. Webster as an interpretation of the platform on the Watts' act was voted down by the Chairman's supporters. None of the proceedings of the executive session of the committee is allowed to be published.

RECOVERING FROM RAIN STORM.

Wilmington Had Next to Heaviest Fall in the United States—Wire Trouble.

Wilmington recovered slowly yesterday from the effects of the heavy rain storm of the night before. Although linemen and electricians of the Consolidated Company worked unceasingly, all the wire trouble was not discovered and corrected until early afternoon. Mr. Raymond Hunt, chief electrician for the company, discovered at 2 o'clock that the most general trouble was on account of a defective lighting arrestor, which had burnt out at Front and Red Cross streets. The discovery was made after a series of test all along the circuit and everything was all right in a few minutes after the defective mechanism was located. The telegraph and telephone companies also had some minor trouble, which was remedied soon after daylight.

Streets were badly washed in some sections and it will be several days before all repairs can be made. The precipitation in Wilmington for the 24 hours ended at 8 o'clock yesterday morning was 1.99 inches, the heaviest shown on the weather map in the United States, with the exception of Raleigh, which had a fall of 2.48 inches. Hatteras had a precipitation of 1.58; Charlotte, 1.38; Augusta, 1.30; Charleston, 1.00, but elsewhere the fall was not above normal. The temperature in Wilmington was maximum 63; minimum, 45.

AN EXPLOSION OF GAS

Robert Presson, Young Machinist, Perhaps Fatally Injured in Accident Yesterday.

A TANK CAR EXPLODED.

Fumes from Gasoline Reservoir Took Fire from Forge at Which Three Were Working—Burned About Face, Neck, Hands, Thighs.

Explosion of gas from an empty tank car of the Standard Oil Company at which he with a fellow machinist and a machinists' helper were at work yesterday morning about 10:45 o'clock, under the Seaboard Air Line shed, in the southern part of the city, seriously, if not fatally injured Robert E. Presson, 23 years old; slightly injured Thad. F. Tyler, Jr., a fellow employe, and badly frightened several others in the vicinity who witnessed the explosion and were certain that young Presson had been killed outright. As it is he is lying at the James Walker Memorial Hospital and has only a fighting chance for recovery. Though perfectly conscious, young Presson is burned severely about the face, neck, arms and hands and about the thighs. If he lives through 24 hours and the worst does not come from the shock, Dr. Akerman, surgeon in charge of the hospital, said last night that his chances for recovery would be very hopeful. The injuries of young Tyler are trifling.

The accident is one of the most unusual that ever occurred in the city. Presson and Tyler, both machinists, and Joe McEntee, 15 years old, a machinists' helper, all employed in the shops of Mr. C. M. Whitlock, had just gone down to the Seaboard Air Line to place a relief valve on the tank car, which was about 7½ feet in depth and had a capacity of 7,800 gallons. All the thirty tank cars of the Union Tank Line Co., used by the Standard Oil Co., at this depot, are being fitted with relief valves as soon as they come into the yards here. Several have lately been so fitted without accident, and Tyler and Presson had worked a part of two previous days on the very one which exploded yesterday. As it was raining yesterday morning the machinists had the car placed under the Seaboard Air Line passenger shed, so that they would be out of the weather. They carried along a small forge in which the rivets were heated before being driven into the tank, and unfortunately that implement was put down within a few feet of the car. Young Presson had climbed upon the tank, taken the cap off the dome and descended a ladder on the inside to begin work while Tyler was to work in common with him from the exterior. The popular theory is that once the cap was removed from the tightly sealed car, the gas from the empty tank began to pour out and diffuse itself in the air. The car had been loaded here on Feb. 1st with gasolene and had been shipped to Birmingham, Ala., the gasolene drawn out of it and the car returned, the Standard Oil people taking the occasion to have the relief valve refitted. As before stated, when the gas began to diffuse, it was caught by the low roof of the shed, and the atmosphere being heavy and damp, it settled back down around the heated forge and combustion resulted. Another theory, from the fact that a burned match was found in the tank after the accident, is that young Presson forgot himself and struck a match either to light his pipe or to find something that had dropped in the darkness on the inside. At any rate, Mr. Tyler saw a blue flame shoot out or man hole and simultaneously came the explosion. His companion was on a ladder entirely inside the tank and how he could have possibly escaped instant death is a miracle. Immediately after the explosion, the flame was snuffed out by the concussion and young Tyler ran up on the tank in time to assist his comrade up the ladder. He was terribly burned and was suffering much pain, but he bore up remarkably well and was coming out when his companion reached him. Dr. J. T. Schonwald was hastily summoned and gave the young man temporary relief after which he was hurried to the hospital. An alarm of fire was sent in to the Department from box 14, but the firemen could do nothing when they responded.

Young Presson was the co-worker with young E. P. Bryan when the latter received fatal injury by the falling of an elevator in the Rheinstein establishment during the holidays. Young Presson at that time had a narrow escape from death but saved himself by swinging from his fingers over three stories of an elevator shaft until some one could pull him up. Mr. Presson has a wife and one child. The family live on east side of Fifth street, next to corner of Castle. It is sincerely hoped that he will recover.

Mayor Pro Tem Yopp

His Honor, Mayor Pro Tem W. H. Yopp presided over the police court yesterday in the absence of Mayor Springer, who is in Raleigh on official business. However, there were no cases of special importance for his consideration. Timothy O'Brien, a sailor from the British steamer "Teesdale," loading cotton at the champion Compress, was charged with being drunk, but was let off with the costs. Amble Cumber, charged with being drunk, was fined $10 and costs. A white man named Cromartie, from the country, was let off with the cost for being drunk, and Ida Howard, a dusky dame, for disorderly conduct, was fined $5 and costs.

PROTEST AGAINST INCREASE.

Horse Owners Organize to Conduct Boarding Stables in Their Own Interest. Rate Advance by Liverymen.

As a substantial protest against a further advance from $14.50 to $16.00 per month in the rate for the care and keep of horses at the several livery and boarding stables in the city, twenty-three owners of fifty-seven draft and carriage horses in Wilmington, met last night in the Mayor's office at the City Hall and organized the Co-operative Boarding Stables Company, which will lease the Currie stables at southwest corner of Second and Princess streets, and conduct the same for the mutual interest of all stockholders in the concern.

The company organized by the election of Mr. W. H. Chadbourn, president; Mr. J. G. Littig, vice-president; Mr. James Owen Reilly, secretary and treasurer; Directors, Messrs. J. C. Springer, R. F. Warren, Herbert McClammy, S. Behrends and Roger Moore. Mr. J. Ham Tipton, an experienced stable manager, formerly with Mr. S. P. Cowan, was elected manager of the stables, which will be opened March 1st, the date the increase of the individual stable owners is scheduled to become effective. The company will later, perhaps, be chartered by the Secretary of State, Herbert McClammy, Esq. having been employed as attorney to look after those affairs of the new enterprise. The action last night was in protest against the following notice sent out by the individual stable owners:

DEAR SIR:—"In submitting to you the following schedule of prices for boarding horses we wish to advise you that we have never been able to realize a profit on this class of business, and in order to give the service and attention that should be given, we find it necessary to increase the rates. We have consulted some of our patrons and they are of the opinion that this policy will please everyone who wants his turnout properly cared for. Upon this basis we have arranged the following charges and we hope that we may continue to have you with us. Assuring you that your valued patronage is fully appreciated, we beg to remain,

"Yours truly,

The schedule, designated as "boarding rates," is as follows:

Horse and one vehicle	$16.00
Each additional vehicle	1.00
Dray and wagon horse, no attention	15.00
Horse and saddle	15.00
Pony and vehicle	14.00
Pony and saddle	12.50

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Jas. F. Woolvin returned yesterday from a trip to Washington, D. C.

— Jno. K. Hamblin, of Union, S. C., was among yesterday's guests at The Orton.

— Mr. R. M. Croom, a prominent business man of Burgaw, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mrs. Fred Martin and little daughter, Miss Margaret, of Mount Olive, are guests of Mrs. R. D. Tucker.

— Friends of Col. C. H. White, assistant city clerk and treasurer, will regret to know that he is confined to his home with lagrippe.

— Among yesterday's arrival's were P. A. Wilcox, Esq., and wife, of Florence, S. C. They were, at The Orton and left on the evening train for Richmond.

— Master Floyd Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cox, who was accidently shot while carelessly handling a pistol, was not so well yesterday. The ball in his leg has not yet been located.

— Among the prominent visitors to the city yesterday were Capt. W. B. Denham, of the A. C. L. at Savannah, and Mr. A. W. Anderson, general superintendent of the C. & W. C. railroad.

— Fayetteville Observer, 20th: "Mr. Williams Murchison, of Wilmington, was in the city yesterday. —Miss Anita DeRossel, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. W. L. Holt on Haymount."

— Fayetteville Observer 21: "Mrs. J. D. Williams is visiting Mrs. James Sprunt, of Wilmington.—Miss Martha Williams, who has been the guest of Miss Fan Williams, has returned to Wilmington."

— Mr. Walter E. Yopp, representative from Jeff. Davis Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., of this city, left yesterday morning for Goldsboro to join the other delegates from Wilmington to the State Council meeting.

—Mr. F. E. Moore, advance agent of the Paige Comedy Company, which holds the boards at the Academy all next week, arrived yesterday from Newbern to make arrangements for the coming of his attraction to this city.

— Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Solky and children returned yesterday morning, after a pleasant visit to relatives and friends in New York. While North Mr. Solky purchased a "swell" line of Spring and Summer goods for his big Masonic Temple clothing store.

Golf Tournament To-day.

The annual Washington's birthday tournament of the Cape Fear Golf Club will take place this afternoon on the club links. It will be a mixed foursome tournament over nine holes and the play will begin at 3 o'clock. After the match the ladies will serve a delightful tea in the club house. A special men's match, over 18 holes, has been arranged for this morning. There will be a large number of entries.

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Odd Fellows and Friends!

Do your working and voting for I. O. O. F. We are still after the Library, and will be in the race to the finish. feb 22 1t

INSPECTING LIFE EQUIPMENT.

Retired Navy Officers in Wilmington on Special Duty as to Steamboats.

Commander Z. L. Tanner, United States Navy, of Washington, D. C., arrived yesterday from Charleston, S. C., and is a guest at The Orton. Commander Tanner is in Wilmington to inspect the life saving equipment on the steamboats of this port. He is a retired naval officer but has been assigned to the special and important duty mentioned, his district extending from Baltimore to Jacksonville, Fla. His inspection here will keep him in Wilmington for several days. He has previously visited the larger ports South.

The system of special inspection is a result of the great Slocum horror in New York last year. President Roosevelt soon after that disaster appointed several of the most skilled and available men to visit the several steamboat inspection districts and to make special reports on the manner in which the requirements of the government are being enforced by the district inspectors of steamboat hulls and boilers.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, THIS.

Sunday Hours at the Postoffice—Banks Will Suspend Business To-day.

Washington's birthday will be observed as usual in Wilmington to-day. All Federal offices will be closed, the banks will suspend business for the day and several of the city and county offices will probably do likewise. Sunday hours will be observed at the postoffice. The carriers will make only the early morning delivery and collection; the general delivery window will be open only from 8 to 11 and the stamp window an hour before the departure of morning and evening trains, viz: 8 to 9 A. M. and 5 to 6 P. M. The money order and registry departments will be closed all day.

Championship Basket Ball.

The following players from the Y. M. C. A. have been selected for the basket ball team which will go to Charleston next month to play the Y. M. C. A. team of that city for the championship of the South, viz: Guards, Messrs. E. O. Hunter and Lawrence VonGlahn; centre, H. F. Strosnider; forwards, Roger Schulken and Jos. J. Loughlin. Another team from the Wilmington Y. M. C. A. will accompany the championship team to Charleston and will play a game with the College of Charleston team. Practice for the championship games will be held each Wednesday night until the date for the contest which will be the latter part of March.

Dr. W. K. Anders Returns.

Attention is called to the announcement of Dr. W. K. Anders, in another column of to-day's paper. Dr. Anders, who is formerly of Bladen county, has returned to the city and opened an office at southeast corner of Front and Princess streets where he will be glad to see his friends and those who will favor him with a call. Dr. Anders is a regular graduate in medicine and has been in the active practice of his profession for 35 years and comes highly recommended as a practitioner and a gentleman. The STAR wishes him all possible success and bespeaks for him a large share of the public patronage.

Broke In Drug Store.

The cash drawer in Mr. L. B. Sasser's drug store, on Market street, was rifled by an unknown burglar night before last, but as the sales of the day before had been deposited in the safe only a small amount of change was secured. Entrance was gained by breaking a pane of glass and drawing a bolt on the inside of a door opening on Eighth street. Nothing save the small amount of money was missed.

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By order of the High Priest.
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At LEGER MEYER'S, (33 North Front St. Swell people want swell Clothes and they can get them at reasonable prices at my establishment. All orders made up in Wilmington in the latest fashion. Complete line of Spring Cloths just received. Voting place for The Library. feb 22 1t

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 22.

STATESMANSHIP AT WASHINGTON

A pretty fair idea of statesmanship at Washington can be had from a portrait which General Grosvenor, Representative from Ohio, draws of himself as a political leader. It is stated that with refreshing candor he said that he voted for the railroad regulation bill because there is popular clamor for it. He also admits that though he knew the abolition of the army canteen would be a bad thing, he voted for it "because there was such public clamor that the people would take nothing less." He says the people have been taught to believe that the railroad management of the country is in enmity to their interests; the committee had prepared a bill and he said: "I am not willing to put my own judment up against the judgment of that committee when the action of that committee seems to be demanded by such a popular clamor in the country. I do not stop to discuss how that clamor arose. I do not stop to discuss that during the mighty campaign of 1904 I never heard the subject broached. * * * I bow to the apparent demand that something must be done." The General does not pretend to be sure that there is a real demand; but there is a clamor, and anything that seems at the moment to be popular Grosvenor will support.

Grosvenor is a fair sample of the "leaders" who are at Washington. This is the age of demagoguery. The leaders follow what they think is popular. They think more of their political fortunes than they do of the good of the country.

WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING?

The industrial trend in the United States appears to be crystallizing sentiment in favor of municipal and State ownership, government control, paternalism and all that. That accounts for the increase in the Socialtic vote in the last Presidential election, and it appears that the force of circumstances are in favor of the growth of Socialism. The people had better call a halt and remedy the ills they have instead of flying to those they wot not of. Speaking of a State's going into the oil refining business the Philadelphia Record, Democrat, says:

"Of course the attempt of the State of Kansas to enter into the business of refining petroleum even with the aid of unpaid-for convict labor in competition with the Standard Oil Company will prove abortive. That is attacking the oil monster in an impregnable part of his anatomy. But the State of Kansas is not helpless. It can cripple the Standard's pipe line monopoly, and it can help efficiently to furnish the munitions for successful war to the Federal authorities if the present zeal of the administration shall remain unchecked by the powerful influence which unlimited cash and cheek can bring to bear to procure delay and to temper the ferocity of sudden attack."

The determination of the Kansas people to fight monopoly has resulted in the General Assembly's passing of an act declaring oil pipe line companies public carriers. The Standard Oil Company has pipe lines running from the petroleum regions of Kansas to the refineries and unless the State can also use these lines or expend a mint of money in building competing lines, the State refinery could not be established. Therefore, in declaring the pipe line a common carrier, Kansas confiiscates the corporation's property to State use. The whole situation in this country is getting hazy. Whither are we drifting? or words to that effect.

JOHN BULL GETTING IN SHAPE.

In the passage of the naval appropriation bill by the House of Representatives on Monday carrying about $20,000,000 for the navy and providing for two big battle ships, the parties were pretty badly divided. Many Democrats voted for the bill and many Republicans against it. Probably we need these two elements in Congress to hold things in check, but there is no use talking, we will never get left in navy building. Other powers are going right along with building ships and perfecting their naval schemes, and this from the Baltimore Sun shows that John Bull is getting in shape to cover the seas at a flash of the cable:

Plans are under consideration by the British Government for a new Atlantic cable, according to a dispatch from St. John's N. F. The proposed cable, which would be primarily for naval and military purposes, would be the final link in an all British line encircling the globe. There are now 15 cables across the Atlantic, four of which are classified as British, but many of the stockholders in these four cable companies are of other nationalities. The recent redistribution of British warships, under Admiral Fisher's sheeme, involves speedy and uninterrupted communication in time of war between the vessels of the "fighting fleets" and the Admiralty. It was only two years ago that John Bull laid a cable across the Pacific, from Vancouver to Australia. This also was primarily for Imperial purposes. Its earnings, however, have exceeded the estimate. The proposed Atlantic cable while enabling the British naval and military authorities to forward messages without dependence upon foreign agencies, would also be valuable for commercial purposes. With reduced rates it would probably prove a profitable venture financially.

VALUABLE SOUTHERN PUBLICATION.

Just about the handsomest publication that comes to the STAR office is "Southern Cotton Mills," a monthly journal devoted to Southern industrial news, mill matters and the promotion of development and progress in the Southern field. It is a forty-four page magazine, printed on handsomely calendered book paper, and typographically it is exceedingly neat and attractive. The fact is it is a piece of artistic printing, and fine taste has been displayed in the selection of the reading and display type.

As to editorial and reading matter "Southern Mills" is a most valuable and desirable publication. Splendid ability is displayed in its columns and the topics are timely and its matter of great interest to those concerned in the marvellous industrial development of the South. The journal was formerly published in Charlotte but has been moved to Greensboro and is published by the Southern Mills Publishing Company at $1.50 a year.

With the February number our old friend, Mr. J. B. Whitaker, Jr., resumes editorial work. He is a well known North Carolina newspaper man, and after his having been out of harness several years, it is exceedingly pleasant for us to welcome him back into the fold whence he had strayed. "Southern Mills" will be all the better from having as its editor a man of such practical parts, extensive experience and excellent qualifications as Whitaker.

The Washington Post had an editorial on "The Water We Drink." We?

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The country is being gradually prepared for the charge that the canal commissioners have been granting rebates on that Panama railway. —Washington Post.

—— A peculiar fact is that 1905 began on Sunday and will end on Sunday, and therefore has fifty-three Sundays. This will not occur again in 110 years.—Leesburg (Va.) Washingtonian.

—— Wearing high heels has necessitated an amputation by which a New York woman has lost her right lower limb. But then high heels have before this caused men to lose their heads.—Baltimore Sun.

—— John L. Sullivan's last lecture proved a big failure. Making a person pay $2.50 to see the old fighter kill the English language was enough to cause everybody to "take to the woods."—Piermont (W. Va.) Independent.

—— When Kansas gets through cleaning up the Standard Oil Company it may occur to it that there are a lot more trusts needing attention, and that the tariff, even more than the freight rates, is responsible for the mischief.—Kansas City Star.

—— Bryan grows older in years and saner in political thought and judgment, and the time may yet come when the country can safely trust him not to commit such blunders as advising the ratification of the Paris treaty and the purchase of unwilling people to rule over as colonist. Petersburg Index-Appeal.

—— The Birmingham Age-Herald remarks that the telephone girls with low, soft voices marry at the rate of 20 per cent a year. This is a witticism, but there is philosophy in it which girls may study to their profit. A soft, sweet musical voice in womon is one of her chiefest charms, whereas a loud-mouthed woman, who splits the ear of her hearers with her discordant notes, must have many traits and charms to offset this serious and exasperating defect.—Richmond-Times Dispatch.

—— Senator Lodge thundered before the election against the wicked Democrats, who charged that President Roosevelt was seeking to be the "whole government." Senator Lodge the other day agreed that the President was trying to absorb the prerogatives of the Senate. The New York Sun swung into line at the opportune moment to help the election of Roosevelt, because, as it said, he was not going to "run amuck" on the subject of trusts. The Sun is now suffering from several large, dark, tempestuous spots and emitting some exceedingly chilly rays in the direction of the White House occupant. —Chattanooga Times.

HOW IT STICKS.

Wilmington Has Found It Hard to Shake Off.

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But Our Great Cod Liver Oil Preparation—Vinol, Cured Her of Consumption.

Mrs. J. G. BROWN, of Anderson, Ind., writes: "Our daughter Mary was on the verge of the grave with consumption. Our family physician had given her up—said she could not possibly recover. She was so weak she could take only half a teaspoonful of nourishment at a time. We read an advertisement of Vinol, and decided to try it as a last resort. She has now taken eight bottles, and her health has been restored in a marvellous manner, and she is as well as ever. Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to you and your valuable remedy, and we hope that other dear ones may be saved as ours was."

The reason that Vinol accomplishes such wonderful results in throat, bronchial and lung troubles is because it contains in a concentrated form all the vital principles of cod liver oil, but without a drop of oil to nauseate and upset the stomach and retard its medicinal value; the weakest stomach can retard it and it is delicious to the taste.

Vinol is the most valuable preparation of cod liver oil ever discovered, and we ask every person in Wilmington who has a hard cold, hacking cough, throat or bronchial troubles to try Vinol on our guarantee to return your money if you are not satisfied with the results. Robert R. Bellamy, Druggist.

TWINKLINGS

— "What reason does he give for not paying his wife alimony?" "He says that marriage is a lottery and hence alimony is a gambling debt" —Collier's.

— Gladys—He tells me you have designs upon him. Ethel—Did the wretch say that? Gladys—Yes. He said your image was engraved upon his heart.—Judge.

— "I'm goin' ter be permoted!" "Aw, yer hain't, neither!" "You're a liar. I heard da teacher tellin' de sup'rintendent dat if I kept on like I been a-doin' I'd b'long ter de criminal class." "Gee, but ain't youse do lucky one!"—Cleveland Leader.

— Mrs. Ryacre—Now these here prize fighters ain't so bad after all, Hiram. Mr. RYacre—What put that in your head, Maria? Mrs. Ryacre—The paper says Spike Hogan put Kid Casey to sleep. Wasn't that kind of him? I guess he tucked in the blankets, too.—Chicago News.

— "Sir," she said, pomposuly, "I'm not a clerk; I'm a saleslady." "Oh!" commented the mere man. "And I suppose that nervous gentleman acting as pilot in the next aisle is called the director of ways and avenue?" "No, sir; he is merely the proprietor."—Cincinnati Tribune.

— Miss Smith (organizing a subscription dance)—"I'm in despair about our dance, Mr. Brown. So many people have falled me. You'll come, won't you?" Mr. Brown (extremely stout)—"Really, Miss Smith, I'm not a dancing man. I don't dance at all!" Miss Smith—"Oh, that won't matter in the least. You'll help to fill up, you know." Mr. Brown—"Ah—yes—with pleasure. I will look in about supper time.—Punch.

The Word "Fudge."

Where did that very common word "fudge" come from, and what does it really mean? The appearance of the word in literature is in the description of the call of Lady Blarney and Miss Carolina Wilhelmina Amelia Skeggs on the vicar of Wakefield's household: "But previously I should have mentioned the very impolite behavior of Mr. Burchell, who, during his discourse, sat with his face turned to the fire and at the conclusion of every sentence would cry out "Fudge!" an expression which displeased us all and in some measure dampened the rising spirit of the conversation." Does the word come from the provincial French "fuche" or the low German "futsch?" Or shall we trace it to the story of 1700 quoted by the elder Disraeli, "There was, sir, in our times one Captain Fudge, who always brought home his owners a good cargo of lies, so much that now aboard the ship the sailors, when they hear a great lie told, cry out, 'You fudge it!'" —Boston Journal.

Fish That Cannot Swim.

More than one species of fish is met with which cannot swim, the most singular of which perhaps is the maltha, a Brazilian fish, whose organs of locomotion only enable it to crawl or walk or hop, after the manner of a toad, to which animal this fish to some extent bears a resemblance, and it is provided with a long upturned snout. The anterior (pectoral) fins of the maltha, which are quite small, are not capable of acting on the water, but can only move backward and forward. Both these and the ventral and anal fins are very different from the similar fins in other fishes and could not serve for swimming at all.

Other examples of nonswimming fishes include the sea horse, another most peculiarly shaped inhabitant of the sea, which resembles the knight in a set of chessmen, and the starfish.

A Bright Student.

At a medical college some students were being questioned in anatomy, and one of them was asked, "What muscles have their origin in the popliteal space?" The bright student promptly replied, "Well, there's that one with the durned long name, and I don't remember the other two."

Wood's Seeds.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE;

— Charlotte is to have a visit from Jim Jeffries, who is to do some kind of a theatrical stunt in the Academy of Music there in the near future.

— At Durham on Monday a negro named Kid shot four times at another named William Dickerson, in a dispute over 10 cents. Dickerson was seriously wounded.

— Raleigh Post: It is regretted that Governor Glenn has found it necessary to cancel his engagement at a meeting in New York. With such men as this State is in the habit of making governor, great credit is always reflected on us when that official goes away from home to represent us. We were proud of Aycock, and we are proud of Glenn.

— Raleigh News and Observer: Dr. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, is on the right line in limiting poll tax to two dollars. A poll tax of over six dollars, such as is levied on a citizen of Raleigh, imposes a burden greater than ought to be put upon any man. The total poll tax—State, county and everything—in Norfolk is one dollar and fifty cents. The city poll tax in Raleigh ought not to exceed one dollar.

— Raleigh Post: One of the most touching incidents that has occurred here in a long while was that yesterday morning at the Confederate graveyard. Private Anderson ells, an old soldier, inmate of the sol iers' home, had just been lowered into the grave, when Comrade M. S. Nichols, another inmats of the home, tottering with age, without any pre-arrangement, made his way to the brink of the grave and with hat in hand and wrinkled and battle-scarred face upturned, sang with wonderful pathos the song, "Hold the Fort, for I am Coming." There was not a dry eye in the company of people gathered around the grave when he concluded. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Bishop, of Central Methodist church.

— News reached Burlington Monday, from Holman's Mills, fifteen miles south of there, that W. P. Allen, a brother of Sampson Allen, of the firm of Allen & Isley, and Harvey Allen, of Burlington, had committed suicide. Mr. Allen had been in bad health for some time and was at times not well balanced mentally. Mr. Allen was about 40 years of age and resided with his father and mother. He had left the house, it was supposed, for the purpose of feeding stock, but after an unreasonable amount of time had passed, his parents became uneasy and began a search for him, finding him with a plow line tied around his neck suspended from the rafters. Life was extinct when the body was found.

— The pastors of Asheville and religious workers are making preparations for a two-months religious campaign that will extend through the municipal election, and will in all probability have a marked effect on that election. Miss Blodgett is now holding daily meetings in the First Baptist church for women and is drawing immense crowds. At the conclusion of this meeting Dr. Reiley, of Indianapolis, has an engagement at the First Baptist church for a three-weeks' revival, and this will be followed by a Bible conference, when Dr. Munhall, the well known Philadelphia evangelist, will arrive April 19 to conduct a series of meetings that will be held in the auditorium and all the pastors of the city will co-operate.

—The February term of Cumberland county superior court for the trial of civil cases convened at Fayetteville Monday morning, Judge Garland S. Ferguson presiding. This is the court upon which the Legislature conferred criminal jurisdiction in order to try an outrageous case. At noon the grand jury filed into court and returned a true bill against Walter Patridge for criminal assault upon Mrs. Hales. John W. Bolton, Esq., was appointed by the court as counsel for the negro, after which partridge was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. After the dinner recess Col. C. W. Broadfoot, the dean of the bar, was also appointed to appear for Partridge. These two lawyers will put up a strong fight for their man. Solicitor Lyon will be assisted in the prosecution by Mr. D. J. Cashwell.

—Raleigh Post:—The movement to establish a department of of commerce and immigration has met with a general and intense popularity that carries with it the assurance that the department will be created. In every quarter of the grand old commonwealth there has been an industrial awakening that is gratifying to those who are interestest in North Carolina's material progress. The wide interest of thoughtful citizens in this project but heralds, the dawn of a new and and brighter ere that will be characterized by industrial development, along all lines. And certain it is that in our chief executive we are exceptionally fortunate in having the man for the hour. His great big heart is wrapped up in this cause. In a special message to the General Assembly Governor Glenn but gave repeated evidence of his firm belief that North Carolina's greatest hope is in the proper development of her natural and varied resources. Gentlemen of the Legislature, create this department of commerce and immigration, thus enabling our Governor to carry out the work in which his heart is enlisted. He will be known as the Industrial Governor of the new North State, and a grateful constituency will applaud your course.

Fraud Exposed.

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit through stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing diseases for over thirty-five years. A sure protection to you is our name on the wrapper. Look for it on all Dr. King's or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. BUCKLEN & Co., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, February 21.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Nothing doing.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.80 per barrel for hard, $3.70 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar firm at $1.40; crude turpentine firm at $2.25@4.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	11
Rosin	362
Tar	177
Crude turpentine	26

Receipts same day last year—25 casks spirits turpentine, 199 barrels rosin, 216 barrels tar, 81 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady at 7½c for middling.

Same day last year, market dull at 13c for middling.

Receipts—215 bales; same day last year, 103.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 95c; extra prime, $1.00; fancy, $1.10, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 85c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, dull, 10@11c.

EGGS—Dull at 20@23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 15@35c; spring, 12½@15c.

TURKEYS—Dull at 12½c for live; 16½c for dressed.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@8c net.

PEAS—White, $1.75@1.85; clay, $1.20@1.35.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 60@75c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3½c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Money on call steady at 2½@2½ per cent.; closing bid 2½ per ct, offered at 2½; time loans were steady; sixty days 3 per cent.; ninety days 3 per cent.; six months 3½@3½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was quoted weak, with actual business in bankers' bills 487 25@487.30 for demand and at 485.10@485.15 for sixty day bills. Posted rates 485½@486 and 488@488½. Commercial bills 485. Bar silver 61. Mexican dollars 47½. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 3's, registered, 103½; do. coupon, 103½; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 131½; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 131½; U. S. 4's, old; registered, 105½; do. coupon, 105½; American Tobacco 4's cert., 75½; American Tobacco 6's cert., 116½; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 103½; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 103½; Seaboard Air Line 4's 91½; Southern Railway 5's, 120. Stocks: Atlantic Coast Line 120½; Baltimore & Ohio preferred 97½; Chesapeake & Ohio 51½; Louisville & Nashville 138; Manhattan L 173; New York Central 143½; Reading 85½; do. 1st pref'd, 94½; do. 2nd pref'd 90½; Southern Railway 34½; do. pref'd 97½; Amalgamated Copper 77½; People's Gas 107½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 88½; U. S. Leather 12½; U. S. Leather preferred, 104½; Western Union 93; U. S. Steel 33½; do. preferred 95½; Mexican Central 22½; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 37½; sales — shares; do. preferred, 109½; sales — shares. Standard Oil 595.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 21.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 18 bid; do. preferred, 38½ asked.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 21.—Spirits turpentine and rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 21.—Spirits turpentine 53, nothing doing; receipts 39 casks; sales 30 casks; shipments 1,291 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 568 barrels; sales 1,163 barrels; shipments 7,385 barrels: A, B, C, $3 67½; D, $3 72½; E, $3 77½; F, $3 85; G, $3 90; H $3 25; I, $3 50; K, $4 05; M, $4 50; N, $4 75; W G, $5 00; W W $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The cotton market was less active but ruled steadier on covering by yesterday's sellers, who were influenced by reports of renewed firmness among Southern spot holders, rumors regarding the operations of market leaders and preparations for the holiday tomorrow. The market eased off in the late trading until realizing by early buyers, but was finally steady at a net advance of two to six points. The opening was steady at a decline of two to three points in response to lower cables, but shorts were uneasy over the reports that Southern holders were still firm in their views and that the increased movement reflected by yesterday's estimates for to-day's receipts were due only to the moving of accumulations resulting from the recent period of bad weather, and almost immediately following the call prices firmed up with lower Wall street bears leading buyers of May and July. The market continued to improve all the first half of the session on short covering and a good demand from various spot houses, and in the early afternoon was about 12 to 14 points net higher, with March showing the greatest gain and recovering a portion of its lost premium. On the advance realizing sales increased and with the short interest considerably reduced on the way up, the market toward the close eased off, and final prices, while steady, were only slightly above the closing of the previous day. Sales estimated at 200,000 bales. Exports for the day were large and the full interior movement, being mainly due to the larger receipts at Houston, attracted little attention. Private cables from Liverpool reported continued small Southern offerings and such private advices as reached here indicated a continued firm interior spot situation.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Cotton was quiet at 8.00; net receipts — bales; gross receipts — bales; stock — bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 10 points higher: middling uplands 8.00; middling gulf 8.35c; sales 83 bales.

Futures opened steady: March 7.50, April —, May 7.46, June 7.46 bid, July 7.48, August 7.33@7.35, September 7.38 offered, October 7.69, November 7.66 offered, December 7.60@7.64.

Futures market closed steady: February 7.37, March 7.38, April 7.52, May 7.52, June 7.53, July 7.54, August 7.57, September 7.59, October 7.63, November 7.65, December 7.65.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 28,968 bales; exports to Great Britain 10 772 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 28,015 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 678,083 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 59,989 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,547 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to Continent 64,354 bales; exports to Japan 9,127 bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,938,718 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,885,087 bales; exports to France 588,285 bales; exports to the Continent 2,175,331 bales; exports to Japan 107,280 bales; exports to Mexico 21,544 bales.

Feb. 21.—Galveston, steady at 7 13-16, net receipts 10,230 bales; Norfolk, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 1,486 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¼c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8.00c, net receipts 108 bales; Wilmington, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 215 bales; Philadelphia, holiday, no market, net receipts — bales; Savannah, quiet at 7 11-16c, net receipts 4,476 bales; New Orleans, steady at 7 11-16, net receipts 7,176 bales; Mobile, easy at 7¾c, net receipts 204 bales; Memphis, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 501 bales; Augusta, quiet at 7 11-16c, net receipts 583 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7¼, net receipts 78 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Flour was dull and firm. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red $1 24½ f. o. b. afloat. Options showed ½@1½c net advance, the outside on May delivery; May closed $1 17¾; July closed $1 05¾; September closed 96c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 56c at elevator. Options closed ½@¾c net higher: May closed 52½c; July closed 52½c. Oats—Spot dull; mixed, 26@32 lbs., 37@38c. Molasses steady. Tallow easy. Butter firm; creamery, common to extra 27@35c; State, dairy 24@32c. Rice firm. Cheese—Market firm; State, small colored and white 10@13½c. Eggs weak; nearby selected 33@34c; Southern 24@30c. Peanuts firm; fancy hand-picked 5¼@5½c; other domestic grades 3¾@5½. Potatoes quiet; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 50@2 00; State and Western $1 25@1 35; Jersey sweets $2 00@4 50. Cabbages quiet; domestic, per ton, $8 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 12@14. Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 4½c; centrifugal, 96 test 5c; molasses sugar 4¼; refined steady. Lard dull; Western steam $7 10; refined quiet. Pork easy; family $14 00@15 00; mess $13 00@13 75. Cotton seed oil was firmer, with transactions heavy, closing: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills 19@20c; prime summer yellow 28@27½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 30c; prime winter yellow 31c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Decrease in primary receipts due largely to impassable country roads caused a net advance of 3-8c to 1 2c today in prices for wheat. Corn shows a gain of 1-2c to 5-8c; oats are up 3 8c, provisions are unchanged to 5c higher.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Cash prices: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 15@1 20; No. 3 do. $1 10@1 18; No. 2 red $1 18¾@1 20¼. Corn—No. 2 44¼c; No. 2 yellow 45c. Oats—No. 2 30¾c; No. 2 white, 33¼@33¾; No. 3 white 30¾@31¾c. Rye—No. 2 75@77. Mess pork, per bbl, $12 62@12 65. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 77@6 88. Short rib sides, loose, $6 62@6 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 75@6 87. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 23.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May $1 18¾@1 18¾, 1 19¼, 1 18¾, 1 19¼; July $1 01¾@1 01¾, 1 01¾, 1 01¾, 1 01¾@101¾; September 93¼, 93¾, 93¼, 93¾c. Corn—February —, —, —, 44½; May 46¼@46¾, 47, 46¼@46¾, 46¾; July 47, 47⅜, 47, 47⅜c. Oats—February —, —, —, 30½; May 30¾, 31¼, 30¾, 31¼c; July 30⅝, 31, 30⅝, 30¾@31c. Mess pork, per bbl—February —, —, —, $12 62; May $12 77, 12 85, 12 77, 12 82; July $12 92, 12 97, 12 90, 12 97. Lard, per 100 lbs—February —, —, —, $6 77; May $6 90, 6 95, 6 87, 6 95; July, $7 00, 7 05, 7 00, 7 05. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—February $6 60, 6 62, 6 60, 6 62; May $6 80, 6 82, 6 80, 6 82; July $6 95, 6 97, 6 92, 6 97.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 8¼c; mild quiet; Cordova 10@13c. Futures closed steady and net 5@15 points lower.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 21.—Cotton: Spot, in fair demand, with prices nine points lower; American middling fair 4.62d; good middling 4.80d; middling 4.15d; low middling 4.06d; good ordinary 3.92d; ordinary 3.76d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,100 bales American. Receipts 25,400 bales, all American.

Futures opened easy and closed firm; American middling (g o c): February 4.08d; February and March 4.08d; March and April 4.09d; April and May 4.11d; May and June 4.12d; June and July 4.14d; July and August 4.15d; August and September 4.16d; September and October 4.17d; October and November 4.17d; November and December 4.18d.

MARINE.

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Stmr Tar Heel, Bradshaw, Fayetteville, S M King.

Stmr A J Johnson, Black, Clear Run, W J Meredith.

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C. C. Railroad—20 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—73 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—133 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 26 barrels rosin, 14 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—2 bales cotton, 96 barrels rosin, 13 barrels tar.

Steamer Whitlock—2 bales cotton, 8 barrels rosin, 87 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—10 casks spirits turpentine, 200 barrels rosin, 74 barrels tar, 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Schooner J. C. Allen—3 bales cotton, 30 barrels rosin, 19 barrels tar.

Total—215 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 363 barrels rosin, 177 barrels tar, 96 barrels crude turpentine.

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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, at Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, January 11th, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$ 732,957 58
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	18,121 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	104,800 00
Bonds, securities, etc	39,850 00
Banking houses, furniture, and fixtures	30,000 00
Other real estate owned	10,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents	169 937 34
Due from State Banks and Bankers	176,873 88
Due from approved reserve agents	78,611 93
Checks and other cash items	125 00
Notes of other National Banks	18,135 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	513 93
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
specie $36,800 00	
Legal tender notes 28,025 00	64,824 00
Redemption fund with U. S Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,000 50
Total	$1,542,141 77

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	83,449 28
National Bank notes outstanding	125 000 00
Due to other National Banks	28,927 94
Due to State Banks and Bankers	150,447 23
Dividends unpaid	244 00
Individual deposits subject to check	706,991 94
Cashier's checks outstanding	3,470 93
United States Deposits	104,800 00
Total	$1,542,641 32

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, J. W. YATES, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of January, 1905.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest:
GEO. R. FRENCH,
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JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, } Directors.

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BLUE EYED JOE EGGLESTON

[Original.]

"Who's that slender, blue eyed, tenderfoot looking fellow over there?" inquired a passenger of the stage driver during a change of horses, pointing to a man standing in the door of the express office.

"That? That's Joe Eggleston. He ain't so meek as he looks. Jist ye get up alongside of me on the box for the next relay, and I'll tell you somethin' about him."

In a few minutes the driver got the reins in between his fingers, the man holding the leaders let go and they flung away down the road.

"Waal, as to Joe Eggleston," said the driver when the pace had settled down. "I always thought Joe a quiet, inoffensive chap with no great spunk till his affair with Jennie Robbins. Jennie's people were poor enough to eat gopher ment, and as Jennie was as purty as a pictur' and had all the men in the neighborhood in love with her they wanted her to make a good match. Jennie was only fourteen at the time they set their hearts on her marryin' Phil Steere, a big cattleman, but she had all the monkey shines of a woman of twenty. She wasn't havin' much of a time when Steere asked for her, so she didn't object, thinkin' that with his money she might make things hum. He was forty, crossgrained and mean as sawdust.

"She hadn't much more'n said 'yes' when along comes Joe Eggleston, nineteen years old and as fair lookin' for a man as Jennie was for a gal. The men didn't think much of him. He seemed a timid sort of a feller and most of the time didn't even carry a gun. He was a clerk in the express office, and a man that dabbles in ink isn't ginerally much good for blood. But the wimmen all seemed to cotton to him. He had a way of lookin' at 'em out of them blue eyes of his'n. At any rate him and Jennie jist went together like two magnets. Joe knowed that she was laid out for Steere, but that didn't keep him from bein' about with her a hull lot.

"One day Joe sez to her, sez he, 'Jennie, there's goin' to be a weddin' down at the City hotel in Park City.' Park City was a relay station for the stage line, and, as to parks, they was on the maps of the town that was to be. 'What d'ye say,' sez Joe, 'to us goin'? After the pair git hitched there's to be a dance.'

"'I'll go with ye, Joe,' she sez, 'but if Mr. Steere finds it out he'll put holes enough in yer body to make a culender of ye. Have ye got a gun?'

"'There's plenty of guns in the office,' sez Joe. 'I'll take a couple along in case Mr. Steere gits on to us.'

"They lit out after dark, but, as bad luck would have it, one of Steere's cowboys saw 'em and went off to tell the big cattleman that his little bird had flown. Steere was kind of paralyzed at fust, but the more he thought about a measly clerk takin' his gal away from him the madder he got. He mounted the fastest horse he could find and dug out in the direction Joe and Jennie had started. He followed 'em all right enough till he came to where the road forked; then he took the wrong fork. This is why they got to Park City long before him. If they was goin' to git married, they'd 'a' had time enough for a dozen hitchin's before he come up, but Joe hadn't no money to support a wife. They was jist follerin' the instincts of two children of nature. It beats anything the way sich will run their heads into a noose jist for a little fun!

"Waal, the weddin' was over, and the guests was all a-slingin' a lively leg in the dinin' room, the tables bein' piled up agin the wall. A fiddler stood on a bar'l scrapin' away and callin' 'Ladies change!' 'Alaman left!' and all that. Joe was a-slingin' Jennie in 'turn corners' when all of a sudden Steere rode up to the open door and begun to pump lead into the room. The change that come over that dance was remarkable. There was a screamin' of wimmen and a swearin' of men, though none of the men raised a gun, for they never supposed Steere would be shootin' that a-way onless he was backed by a dozen or more of his cowboys back in the dark holdin' the drop on the crowd.

"Then was when Joe showed up. Catchin' sight of Steere outside and knowin' well what was up, he drawed with his left hand, for Steere had winged his right, and begun shootin', movin' for'ard at the same time. Jennie she got out his other weapon, and as soon as he had emptied the first handed it to him, and he kept on pumpin'.

"One of Joe's shots knocked the big cattleman off'n his horse. Then one of the men said to Joe, 'Ye little fool, git out of this while ye have a chance.' Some on 'em hurtled Joe and Jennie out a back door, and they made tracks for home, leavin' Steere to be carried upstairs to a room, where he lay for a month not knowin' whether he was a-goin' to turn up his toes permanent or not.

"Meanwhile some of the people told him if he ever shot into a dance agin they'd give him a chance to dance himself where the grass was too short. The express company, hearin' about the incident, put Joe in charge of their treasure in transportation, givin' him a big salary, and he married Jennie six months after they went to the weddin' at Park City. Since then Joe has twice saved a train from robbery and been loaded down with rewards.

"No, sir, ye can't always tell about a man's pluck from his appearance. Joe Eggleston is one of them mild eyed fellers that ye want to steer clear of. But nobody knowed it till he turned on Phil Steere."

VICTOR S. BERNARD.

His Worst Experience.

"Hez you ever been kicked by a mule?"

"No, thank de Lawd, I never hez experienced nuthin' wuss dan a house fallin' on me!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Things move along so rapidly nowadays that people who say "it can't be done" are always being interrupted by someone doing it.—Saxby's Magazine.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight to tell that when your stomach and liver are badly affected grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young, of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Its the best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist, at 50c a bottle.

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A Game Of Bluff

[Original.]

Tracy Handyside was bright enough to take an excellent stand in his class at college without any close application to his subjects. He was not only bright, but a favorite. His father was rich and parsimonious. Tracy was poor in his own right and a spendthrift. Threat after threat came from home that if the boy didn't mend his ways by spending less money his college course would come to a premature end from lack of remittances. Tracy took it into his head one afternoon to drive four-in-hand. At his favorite stable they got him up a team in the best of style, and Tracy, having taken on a load of fellows and girls, started at a brisk pace on the main road toward the city. The merriment was at its height when a very unpretentious vehicle was seen approaching drawn by an equally unpretentious horse.

"Great heavens!" exclaimed Tracy. "I do believe that's my father coming. What'll I do?"

"Is his eyesight good?" asked one of the party.

"Not very."

"Then ignore him."

The senior Handyside, seeing a party of young people approaching, drew off to the side of the road and waited for them to pass. Unfortunately at the moment of meeting a teamster must needs get in Tracy's way, so that he was obliged to draw rein. He did not notice his father, although the old man shouted in angered tones:

"Tracy!"

Finally the son turned his eyes in his father's direction.

"What do you mean? Upon my word"—

"You are mistaken in your man, sir, I fancy," said Tracy in feigned surprise.

"Mistaken! You young rascal!"

"Whom do you take me for?"

"Take you for? Why, Tracy Handyside, my son! Do you have the effrontery to"—

"Haven't the honor of his acquaintance. I'm sorry I can't take time to prove your error, sir, but I've a party aboard and got to make a twenty mile tour and get back to dinner."

With this he gave the wheelers the lash, tipped the leaders and left the old gentleman aghast between his son's effrontery and a terror lest his eyesight had gone back on him. Tracy drove out of sight, then called a consultation in which it was suggested that his father would drive to college, learn that his son was not there—possibly that he was driving four-in-hand—and Tracy's position would be something terrible.

"I am sorry to mar the pleasure of our drive," said Tracy, "but father will go right past the stable, where he'll likely stop to ask questions; then to my room. I must coach the stablemen and be at my room when the governor calls."

After discussion as to the means of doing this, it was finally determined that Tracy should take one of the leaders and gallop back by a roundabout road and, by a quicker pace, forestall his father. The horse was taken out and divested of all harness except the bridle. Tracy mounted and was soon tearing back to college. Half an hour later he dashed up to the stable from which he had got his team, coached the proprietors and in a few minutes more was in his room behind a fortification of books.

Meanwhile the elder Handyside drove into the town and, passing a stable, drew rein and called for the owner.

"Did you let a four-in-hand this afternoon?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."

"To whom?"

"Mr. Willard Stokes."

"Are you sure it wasn't Handyside?"

"Handyside? Don't know him."

The old gentleman was not convinced. He had had evidence before that his son's creditors would stand by him to the bitter end, and nothing would satisfy him but to go straight to his son's room. He tried the door and found it locked. After a few vigorous knocks he was about to turn away when he heard a voice inside say:

"Get out! I'm boning for exam."

"Tracy," cried the astonished father, "let me in!"

The latch flew back, and Tracy stood at the door and folded his parent in his arms.

"Why, father, what brings you here? Nothing wrong at home, I trust."

"My boy," gasped the old man, sinking into a chair, "my eyesight is giving way."

"What makes you think so, father?" asked Tracy, with anxiety depicted on every feature.

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"What does he look like, father?"

"Look like? Why, he looks like you."

"Did he have on a cream colored driving coat?"

"Yes, I believe he had."

"Silk hat?"

"Yes."

"High black and red coach with yellow wheels?"

"Why, I suppose so. I didn't notice."

"Don't give yourself any trouble, pop. Your eyes are all right. That's the fellow I've heard so much about lately. He lives over in Kenwood. They call him my double."

"Is his name Stokes?"

"That's the man—Stokes. I wish he'd leave the country. He's a wild fellow, and I'm always getting the credit of his scrapes."

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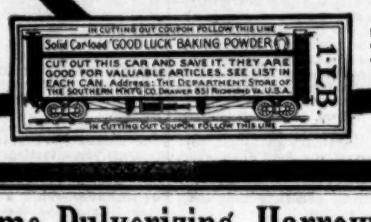
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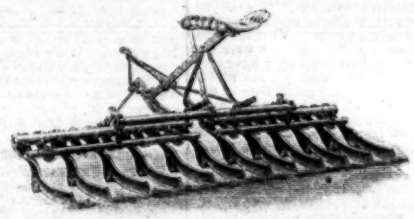

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Lv Goldsboro	3 45 p m	8 00 a m
Lv LaGrange	4 16 p m	8 28 a m
Lv Kinston	4 40 p m	8 52 a m
Lv Dover	5 02 p m	9 14 a m
Lv Cove	5 16 p m	9 27 a m
Lv Tuscarora	5 26 p m	9 37 a m
Ar Newbern	5 45 p m	10 00 a m
		No. 7 (accom)
Lv New Bern	5 55 p m	12 30 p m
Lv Riverdale	6 18 p m	1 12 p m
Lv Havelock	6 34 p m	1 40 p m
Lv Newport	6 50 p m	2 09 p m
Ar Morehead City	7 12 p m	2 55 p m

WESTBOUND.

Station	No. 4	No. 8 (Accom)
Lv Moorehead City	7 40 a m	5 30 a m
Lv Newport	8 11 a m	6 34 a m
Lv Havelock	8 27 a m	7 02 a m
Lv Riverdale	8 42 a m	7 30 a m
Ar New Bern	9 00 a m	8 05 a m
Station		No. 6
Lv New Bern	9 15 a m	6 10 p m
Lv Tuscarora	9 37 a m	6 32 p m
Lv Cove	9 49 a m	6 44 p m
Lv Dover	10 03 a m	6 58 p m
Lv Kinston	10 27 a m	7 20 p m
Lv LaGrange	10 51 a m	7 46 p m
Ar Goldsboro	11 20 a m	8 10 p m

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To The Beach and Wrightsville

Suburban and City Schedule.

In Effect January 12, 1905.

Suburban Schedule (daily except Sunday.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave the Beach
6.30 A. M	8.00 A. M.
10.00 A. M.	12.00 P. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.15 P. M.
Leave Wrightsville	
6.10 P. M.	6.45 P. M.
7.30 " "	8.15 " "
9 00 " "	9.30 " "
10 00 " "	10 30 " "

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Hospital and Cemetery Cars. (Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Cemetery
9.00 A. M.	9.30 A. M.
3.10 P. M.	3.30 P. M.
4.40 P. M.	5.00 P. M.

Delgado and Golf Link Car (Without change.) Daily except Sunday.

Leave Front and Princess	Leave Golf Links.
3.40 P. M.	4.00 P. M.
5.10 " "	5.30 " "

A. C. L. Depot Car (Without change).

Leave Front and Princess	Leave A. C. L. Depot
10.00 A. M.	10.10 A. M.
5.40 P. M.	6.00 P. M.

S. A. L. Car (Without change.)

Leave Front and Princess	Leave S. A. L. Depot
12.35 P. M.	12.45 P. M.
3.25 P. M.	3.00 P. M.
11.15 P. M.	11.30 P. M.

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NORTHBOUND.

	No 43	No 41
Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	6 30 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 10 p m	9 32 p m
Ar Wilson	1 10 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 50 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 05 p m	3 02 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 37 a m
Ar Washington	11 00 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 45 a m	9 00 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 23 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 42	No 40
Lv New York	1 25 a m	2 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk	10 p m	6 30 a m
Ar Richmond		6 30 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 05 p m	7 45 a m
Ar Weldon	7 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 01 p m	1 45 p m
Ar Wilson	11 32 p m	2 60 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 46 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND

	*Daily.	Daily	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	2 30 p m	11 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	3 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 35 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville		6 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 30 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	*Daily.	Daily	Daily
Lv Tampa		8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville		7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah		1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston		5 14 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Florence		7 50 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington		11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound *Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	3 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 00 p m	4 45 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

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Lv Wilmington	3 35 p m	Ar 12 30 p m
Ar Newbern	6 40 p m	Lv 9 00 a m

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Leave Hamlet	6 30 a m	10 30 p m
" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 20 p m
" Raleigh	11 46 a m	1 35 a m
" Norlina	1 40 p m	3 34 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 30 p m	8 30 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 45 a m
" Washington	8 36 p m	9 50 a m
" Baltimore	11 17 p m	11 30 a m
" Philadelphia	2 35 a m	1 45 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 31	No. 35
Leave New York	12 48 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 12 a m
" Baltimore	5 17 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	7 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	11 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 30 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	4 15 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	6 39 a m	6 16 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 50 p m
Arrive Wilmington	10 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.		No. 41
Leave Wilmington		6 00 p m
Leave Hamlet		10 15 p m
Arrive Athens		6 18 a m
Arrive Atlanta		7 40 a m
NORTHBOUND.	No. 38	
Leave Atlanta	8 00 p m	
" Athens	11 23 p m	
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND.		No. 43
Leave Wilmington		3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet		10 10 p m
Ar Columbia		12 15 a m
Ar Savannah		4 40 a m
Ar Jacksonville		8 35 a m
Arrive Tampa		6 35 p m
NORTHBOUND	No. 66	
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m	
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m	
" Savannah	12 10 a m	
" Columbia	5 30 a m	
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 22.

COURT IN FAYETTEVILLE.

Walter Partridge Trial Now in Progress Suspended Bank's Affairs.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 21.—Cumberland County Superior Court convened here yesterday morning, Jude Garland S Ferguson presiding and Solicitor C. C. Lyon prosecuting. The term is fraught with much general interest because of its having conferred upon it by the Legislature criminal jurisdiction to try the Walter Partridge rape case, it being regularly a civil term, and because of the fact that at the present term it is expected that the cases of the bank officers, charged with misappropriating funds will come up. Judge Ferguson's charge to the grand jury yesterday dwelt especially on the prohibition law of the county, the act having been read in full and some plain and direct instructions with reference thereto having been given.

Soon after the grand jury retired, a true bill was found against Partridge, for criminal assault upon Mrs. Hales three weeks ago, and the prisoner was forthwith formally arraigned in court. The negro pleaded not guilty and said his father was arranging for counsel, but none having appeared, Judge Ferguson assigned J. W. Bolton Esq., to defend him. A special venire of 100 men was ordered summoned and they were duly returned this afternoon when a jury was selected after about two hours. The idea appeared to be to get as many jurors as possible from outside the city. Mrs. Hale, with her little son, were in court this afternoon, with a friend, and they sat within the bar. Partridge, in court, presents a rather featureless, dull face and appears sullen.

There were no sensational developments in the bank case to-day. Although to-morrow is a holiday, the National Bank will not take holiday but will remain open for the accommodation of the public.

The National Bank has also made announcement that it will lend money to persons having deposits in the closed Bank of Fayetteville and who may be temporarily embarrassed.

LATER—The grand jury this afternoon returned one true bill each against Cashier Haigh and Teller Myrover and also a third bill charging them jointly with embezzlement.

A SUICIDE IN RALEIGH.

Ed. Yarborough, Well Known Citizen, Ended Life by Well Pre-arranged Plan.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.—Mr. Ed. Yarborough, a well known citizen of Raleigh, who has a son, Ed Yarborough, in Wilmington, committed suicide this afternoon about 3:30 o'clock under circumstances that disclosed a remarkably successful execution of a pre-arranged plan.

There was a muffled report of a gun in his bedroom and when members of the family entered, his lifeless body was found on the floor, a full discharge of a shot gun having almost severed his head from his body. He had placed a blanket and two pillows on the floor; removed his coat and shoes; taken the shot gun and laid down on the pallet. He set the butt of the gun up in a nearby rocking chair and with the left hand he held the muzzle of the gun against his throat, and while lyon his right side reached the right hand and pushed the trigger, using a stick for the purpose. There is every indication that he did not move after the shot was fired. Mr. Yarborough leaves a widow and five children.

The deceased was a member of one of the oldest families in the city, his grandfather, Col. Yarborough, having been at one time proprietor of the Yarborough house. Mr. Yarborough had been drinking heavily and had threatened to kill himself, but the threats were not taken seriously by the family.

WARM FOR GEN. MILES.

He Will Not Reply to Mrs. Jefferson Davis' Letter—It is Offensive.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 21.—General Nelson A. Miles, inspector general of the Massachusetts militia, said to day that he did not intend to make any response to the letter which Mrs. Jefferson Davis recently made public, in which she charged General Miles with perpetrating cruelties as custodian of her husband at the close of the civil war. General Miles said: "The letter is so offensive in its character as not to call for any reply."

With reference to Mrs. Davis' demand that he produce a photographic copy of a letter which General Miles declared he had received from Mrs. Davis thanking him for his care of Mr. Davis as his prisoner, General Miles said he thought it entirely probable that he would make public such reproduction.

EXTENSION OF COTTON TRADE.

President Takes Immediate Steps, But it is Too Late for Legislation.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In accordance with his statement to the delegation of cotton planters yesterday, President Roosevelt to-day had a talk with Senators Foster, of Louisiana, and Clay, of Georgia, concerning the creation of a commission for the investigation of trade conditions in the Orient with a view to developing trade in cotton goods. The President regards it as important that the Far Eastern trade in cotton goods should be enlarged if possible. The Senators thought it probably would not be possible to provide by legislation for the proposed commission at this session. At the next session of Congress, however, they will press for such legislation as may be necessary to promote the cotton trade.

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FREIGHT RATE BILL STANDS NO CHANCE.

That Is What Was Announced in the Senate Session Yesterday.

MR. CARMACK GETS FUNNY.

Declares President Roosevelt is a Disciple of Wm. J. Bryan—Philippine Tariff Bill Passed by House—Battle Flags to be Returned.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The House to-day passed the Philippine tariff bill, practically as it came from committee and with but little discussion. There was no especial opposition to it, although amendments coming from the Democratic side designed to put certain products on the free list met with defeat. An effort to prohibit the importation of opium into the islands except for medicinal purposes also failed, although Mr. Payne, of New York, explained that the Philippine commission was dealing with the subject in its own way.

Several Southern members directed inquiries to Mr. Payne regarding the reason for the reduction of the duty on manufactured tobacco, which elicited the reply that it was thought that product would yield a little revenue and at the same time not interfere with the industry in the islands. The tobacco business in the Philippines, he explained, was not in so bad a way as the sugar business.

Concerning the cotton schedule, Mr. Payne, answering a query of Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, furnished the information that the language of the former measure had been changed in such a manner as to give the United States mills a better chance in the market than foreign mills through the classification of the goods.

An unsuccessful attempt was made by Messrs. Cooper, of Texas, and Webb, of North Carolina, to place in the free list raw cotton and cotton waste imported into the Philippines from the United States and Spain, the latter country being included so as not to violate the terms of the treaty of Paris, regarding discrimination. Mr. Webb supplemented his amendment by declaring it not to be right for the House to coop and confine the American cotton grower to only a few markets. The amendment, he said, was about the only crumb that could be thrown to the Southern cotton growers. In offering an amendment to remove the tax on yarns, Mr. Webb called attention to the promise of the President, made yesterday to Southern mill owners, to assist them in their efforts to increase the market for American cotton abroad, and said that an opportunity was presented by the bill to do so.

Mr. Payne maintained that if adopted the amendment would make the bill one-sided, other products not being accorded the same privilege. The amendment was defeated 95 to 99.

The bill was about to be passed when Mr. Cooper, of Texas, moved to recommit it with instructions to place cotton and cotton manufactures, iron, leather, etc., on the free list, which was lost.

Immediately after the Philippine tariff bill was disposed of, the House took up the river and harbor appropriation bill, but it was soon laid aside and several measures passed, the most important of which was the authorization given the Secretary of War to return to the several States the Union and Confederate battle flags.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The Senate to-day passed the military academy appropriation bill and began consideration of the Indian appropriation bill. Early in the day, in response to a question, Mr. Elkins, chairman of the Committee on Internal Commerce, expressed the opinion that it would be impossible to secure railroad rate legislation during the present session of Congress. The Senate took up the Isthmian canal bill and agreed to meet an hour earlier to-morrow in order to advance the bill. Ex-Senator Higgins finished his preliminary statement in opening the defence for Judge Swayne and one witness for Judge Swayne was examined.

Mr. Elkins, in his statement regarding the railway rate bill, said: "No decision as to an effort to pass the bill this session has been reached, but with the limited time at their disposal it would seem that there is very little prospect of that result before adjournment, with only ten days of the session left and with much other imperative business to be performed. It would hardly seemed proable that the most important economic questions of the day could be disposed of in so short a time, and especially in view of the fact that only one side of the question has so far been presented to the committee."

Mr. Carmack, a member of the committee on Interstate Commerce, excused hself from speaking for the committee, on the ground that "such joyous harmony exists there as to obliberate party lines." He said he could assure the Senate that all of the committees are actuated by a keen desire to execute at the earliest possible moment "the promises made by the President of the United States and through the medium of the Democratic platform, and to add that it is the intention of the whole committee to be guided in this matter by the President. "Indeed," he added, "I may go farther and say, knowing the chairman of the committee will correct me if I am wrong, that I am authorized to inform the Senate that all the members recognize in the President the foremost disciple and the ablest lieutenant of William J. Bryan". The statement caused a general burst of laughter and the incident closed.

When the hearing in the Swayne impeachment trial was resumed Mr. Hale presented an order for a vote in the Swayne case at 4 P. M. Saturday and asked that it go over until tomorrow. He said he would insist upon the literal enforcement of the rule governing the closing arguments in the case.

Mr. Palmer replied that the House managers would desire at least six hours for their presentation of the case for the prosecution. He said that each of the managers desired to be heard.

Mr. Higgins, continuing his presentation of the case for the defence, said that Delaware witnesses would be produced to show that Judge Swayne had been only a Summer visitor in that State since his appointment as judge; that he was much occupied in holding court outside of the State; that he could not get a house in Pensacola; that testimony would be introduced to show that it has been the rule to allow the expense accounts of Federal judges; that a majority of judges make the charge of $10 per day for expense, whether actually expended or not; that the use of a private railroad car by a judge is not an impeachable offence, and that in punishing attorneys for contempt Judge Swayne had only taken proper precautions to protect the dignity of his court.

THE ENTOMBED MINERS ARE GIVEN UP FOR DEAD.

Fifty Dead Bodies Taken from the Alabama Mine in Which an Explosion Occurred Last Monday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Feb. 21.—Of the 160 miners of Virginia City who entered the mines yesterday afternoon when one-fourth of that town's population was decimated by the explosion, so far only fifty bodies have been recovered. As time grows, notwithstanding the heroic efforts on the part of the rescuers to reach the entombed men, the recovery already of fifty dead bodies precludes any idea that life may still remain among the unfortunates. With the first ominous rumble of the coming catastrophy by common impulse every one in the village rushed to the mouth of the main slope, fear struggling against hope for the safety of loved ones. The scenes at the mine this afternoon were the most gruesome and harrowing that have ever been witnessed in the mining section of Alabama. The corpses were frightfully mangled and disfigured and identification is almost impossible.

Many of the bodies are so bruised, twisted and discolored that the negroes cannot be told from the white men.

All day long at the mouth of the mine were waiting and moaning women and children whose relatives were among the unfortunates. One hundred families and three hundred children are left destitute and without means of support by the calamity. As the bodies of the victims, which in many cases have been gathered together a piece at a time, are brought to the surface they are placed in rows on a rough improvised platform.

Late this afternoon ambulances began the removal of those so far recovered to Bessemer. Since the list of dead will probably go to one hundred and sixty, the local undertakers have wired to adjoining cities for coffins, as it was found there were not enough suitable coffins in the district to bury the victims.

Out of the fifty bodies recovered one was found about 4 o'clock this afternoon which was barely alive. The body was carefully taken from the mine and heroic methods resorted to to bring the man to consciousness. He is still alive but scant hope is held out for his recovery.

President Flynn, of the United Workers, said to the Associated Press representative to-night: "I shall be surprised if a single person escapes alive from that mine. Ventilation is very difficult and if the men were not killed by the explosion they have certainly been suffocated by the gases. The bodies so far reached were in the main slope and it will be several days before we can get to the rooms which branch off from the main slope."

President Flynn worked all last night with a pick and shovel at the mine, and other mine officials were among the leaders in the rescue work. Conspicuous among these was W. R. Farley, member of the national executive board of the United MineWorkers from Alabama.

WARM WIRELETS.

It is stated that the Southern Coal and Iron Companies will amalgamate and that a deal has been made to finance the merger.

R. J. Curran, formerly commercial agent, has been appointed assistant general freight agent of the Southern Railway, with headquarters at Louisville, Ky., succeeding the late Edwin Fitzgerald.

The Senate yesterday passed the bill authorizing sessions of the Federal Courts at Albany, Ga.; also the bill providing for the appointment of a district judge and the creation of the Western Judicial District of South Carolina.

Anthony Huddleson, aged 101 years, the first white settler in Pierce county, Wisconsin, died yesterday at the home of his grand son. He was born in Virginia and was a direct descendant of the family of which Daniel Boone was a member. His youngest child is 52 years old and his oldest 80.

At New Orleans yesterday, Mrs. Coburn, wife of "Monk" Coburn, a jockey of international fame, was shot in the leg and chest by her husband. The jockey was jealous of his wife and in an after dinner quarrel Coburn fired five shots at her, seriously wounding her. He was arrested.

In New York yesterday the suit of Jno. R. Platt, the octogenarian millionaire, to compel Hannah Eitus, a negress, to return to him $688,000 which he alleges he gave her during a period extending over twenty-five years, was dismissed by Justice O'Gorman in the Supreme Court, who declared that the case was absolutely without evidence.

Dr. John W. Lawson, aged 68 years, a former member of Congress from the Second Virginia district and a leading member of the recent Virginia constitutional convention, died yesterday at his home near Smithfield, Va. His dying request was that he be buried in his Confederate uniform, which request will be complied with.

At Washington yesterday the House committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce authorized a favorable report on a bill amending the act which grants Capt. Eels authority to construct a light house on Diamond Shoals, Cape Hatteras. The amount the government is to pay for this light house after it has stood for five years is raised from $590,000 to $750,000.

At Richmond, Va., yesterday, Judge Ingram issued a decree for the sale of the Farmville and Powhattan Railroad at auction in front of the City Hall at a date hereafter to be fixed by commissioners appointed by the court. The decree sets out that the company is hopelessly insolvent. The total debts of the road are $1,121,438.96, one-half or more of which is bonded indebtedness.

The coachman who was driving the carriage on which Grand Duke Sergius was riding when he was assassinated, died of his injuries at Moscow yesterday. He sustained 76 distinct wounds. In spite of four days' diligent investigation the police know practically no more concerning the assassin than when he was captured fleeing red-handed from the scene of the tragedy.

The lower house of the Missouri Legislature yesterday passed a bill repealing the old "Breeders' Law." Pool selling on horse races "in certain enclosures" was legalized by the breeders' law, but the bill which passed the House yesterday not only repeals the old law, but prohibits the selling in any part of Missouri of pools on horse races, whether the races are run within or without the boundaries of the State. The bill will now go to the Senate, where it is expected a determined fight will be made by persons interested in the several race tracks of the State.

At Richmond, Ky., yesterday, Berea College was convicted and fined $1,000 for violation of the Day act, prohibiting the co-education of the white and colored races. The case will go to the State and United State, Supreme Court.

PEACE PROSPECTS IN THE FAR EAST.

News Confirmed That Russia Has Practically Agreed Upon the Terms.

SHE GIVES UP THE CONTEST.

All Terms Satisfactory Except as to Indemnity She is to Pay Japan—Concedes Port Arthur and Laitung Peninsular to Mikado.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegraph company from St. Petersburg confirming the Associated Press advices of February 17 and February 18 from St. Petersburg to the effect that peace was under considerations on which Russia is prepared to make peace, have practically been agreed upon. These are as follows:

"Korea to be placed under Japanese suzerainty;

"Port Arthur and the Lia Tung peninsula to be ceded to Japan;

"Vladivostok to be declared a neutral port with an open door;

"The eastern Chinese railroad to be placed under neutral international administration;

"Manchuria as far north as Harbin to be restored as an integral part of the Chinese empire.

"The difficulty lies in settling the question of the indemnity upon which it is known that Japan insists but it is thought that this difficulty is not insuperable.

"The most trustworthy opinion at St. Petersburg is that in view of the international situation and the enormous difficulty of carrying on the war, peace on the terms outlined will be concluded within a comparatively short time if the idemnity question can be arranged, but it is quite possible that Russia will risk another battle before a decision is reached."

JAPANESE POSITION STRONG.

TACHINADOOSE, MANCHURIA, Monday, Feb. 20, via Mukden, Feb. 21.—A tour along the right flank gives a correspondent of the Associated Press reagon to believe that the main line of the Japanese fortifications is somewhat in the rear of Sandepas, this village being held as a mask and occupied by several batteries of artillery. The positions of the Japanese are very strong, fortified villages connected by fortified roads rendering the reinforcement of their threatened points safe and easy.

Ten degrees of frost were registered here to-day.

GEN. STOESSEL ARRIVES.

KAFFIA, CRIMEA, Feb. 21.—Lieutenant General Stoessel, the former commander of Port Arthur, arrived here to-day. General Stoessel was welcomed by a cheering crowd. At the dockside a deputation from the municipality presented him with the traditional bread and salt and an address of welcome. Stoessel, addressing the assemblage, said:

"My officers and soldiers, coming back to the fatherland, bow to you."

Many relatives of those who had defended Port Arthur were present and there were pathetic exhibitions of grief or joy, according to the news received. General Stoessel personally condoled with the widows and orphans and many of them kissed his hand.

COTTON GROWERS ORGANIZE.

Three States Acted Yesterday on Plan to Curtail Production—Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. Contributes $1,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Feb. 21.—Fifteen hundred cotton growers, manufacturers and bankers gathered here to-day and organized the Georgia branch of the Southern Cotton Associociation. The meeting, which assembled in the hall of representatives at the State capitol, included regularly appointed delegates from nearly every county of the State and many others interested in the forming of the organization. The officers elected were: M. L. Johnston, of Barlow, President; John Bostwick, of Morgan, vice president; H. C. Hill, of Jasper, secretary, and John D. Walker, of Sparta, treasurer.

An address by Harvie Jordan, president of the Southern Interstate Association, reviewed the action of the New Oleans convention and resolutions were accpted unanimously endorsing the action of that convention which called for a reduction of acreage of least 25 per cent. this year and pledging the producers to hold their surplus of cotton for 10 cents a pound. The State organization will establish headquarters in Atlanta at once and begin a thorough organization of the counties of Georgia.

During the convention a telegram was received by Harvie Jordon, president of the Southern Cotton Association, from S. E. Morgan, president of the Virginia Carolina Chemical Company, of Richmond, Va., contributing $1,000 to the movement to hold cotton and reduce acreage and fertilizers. The telegram was read to the convention amidst great applause and a vote of thanks was tendered the donors. The convenilon adjourned late this afternoon.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 21.—Cotton planters of Alabama met here today in response to the call of the Southern Cotton Growers' convention which met recently in New Orleans. Thirty-eight counties were represented. Resolutions were passed agreeing to reduce the acreage of cotton for this year and curtailing the use of fertilizers.

MEMPHIS, TENN, Feb. 21.—The Tennessee branch of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association perfected organization here to-day by the election of T. C. Long, of Madison county, as president. Resolutions were adopted confirming the action of the New Orleans convention regarding the reduction of acreage.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Valuable Property Which Exchanged Hands by Deeds Filed Yesterday.

Alexander S. Heide and wife to N. Jacobi, M. W. Jacobi and Joseph N. Jacobi, trading as the N. Jacobi Hardware Co., for $3,000, property on east side of South Water street at southwest corner of Henderson's alley and Water street, 29 feet on Water street and running into the block 95 feet.

Roger Moore and wife to Mrs. Susan E. Moore, for $600, property on east side of Sixth, 133 feet north of Harnett street, 33x75 feet in size.

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LAWSON CHALLENGES BECK.

"Frenzied Finance" Author Would Meet Him in Faneuil Hall to Discuss the Rights of American People.

[Special Star Telegram.]

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 20.—An open letter to Jas. M. Beck, ex assistant attorney general of the United States, now counsel and chief orator for the Standard Oil Company and "the system:"

MR. BECK: Last February you came to Boston as counsel for Henry H. Rogers and on the eve of the gas trial in the Massachusetts Supreme Court, where Mr. Rogers and myself were to testify, you tried to have me "match-up" my testimony. I refused.

Shortly after "Frenzied Finance" began, and you and Jas. H. Eckles, ex comptroller of the currency of the United States, now representative of the "system" in the West, were selected to sling mud at me at public dinners and banquets; he in the West, you in the East.

You have both been industriously at it wherever you knew it was safe; that is, wherever you were sure I could not answer you, and now tonight at the dinner of the Boston Life Underwriters' Association here in my own City you are again to unlimber your mud guns.

The International League of Press Clubs is endeavoring to raise the remaining $50,000 fund for building and equipping a home for journalists. J. Pierpont Morgan has agreed to furnish the last $5,000, provided the fund is raised before June 30th. I am asked to furnish $5,000. It is, as you know, a most worthy cause. You and your bosses of the "Standard Oil" "Amalgamated City Bank" "Big Three" Insurance crowd have never yet in your attacks upon the public or individual members of the public been known to come out in the open, but have always made your cowardly attacks when you were sure it was safe.

Therefore, I make the following offer: If you, the recognized mouthpiece of the "Standard Oil," its leading orator, a man so thoroughly versed in public declamation to stand in the very front ranks of the great public speakers of this country, will meet me in Faneuil Hall, the cradle of American Liberty and free speech, meet me, the layman who has never delivered a public address, and there debate the crimes and the cowardly villanies of your employers, within ten days of the assault you are to make upon me in the house of your friends to-night, I will pay over to the journalistic league the sum of $5,000 and if you decide that is best we will raise a further sum by charging admission to the Hall. I think we could easily raise the entire fund of $50,000 by such means. If you will bring along your talented colleague from the West, Mr. Eckles, so much the better and if you wish, I will consent to have every ticket in the Hall sold to your friends, and I will ask no odds but to reply to what you will say. Now, Mr. Beck, will you dare to help this good cause and incidentally give the people one honest chance to learn the truth. You have made onslaughts on me in public addresses, where I have had no opportunity to answer. In your last address at Philadelphia your called me a "Frenzied Fakir" a "Wild Run—a—Mack Malay." In spite of your wages from "Standard Oil" you surely will not prove yourself so cowardly as to do this and not accept my proposition.

I will await your answer in the reports which I will read to-morrow of what you say in the house of your friends, the insurance people.

THOMAS W. LAWSON.

ABANDONS LIBRARY CONTEST.

W. L. I. Concentrates All Interest on Inaugural to-night—Extra Drills Ordered.

Owing to the division of interest in anticipation of the inaugural trip to Washington and for a combination of other reasons incident thereto, the Wilmington Light Infantry at its meeting for drill last night, unanimously decided to withdraw from the library voting contest and will asks its friends to vote for some other of the several worthy institutions in the race for the much coveted prize. The company withdraws in favor of no one of these but thanks its friends in the other organizations who withdrew in the W. L. I's favor. The company stood an excellent chance to win in the contest and its campaign committee had done some very vigorous work lately, but all things considered it was deemed best to drop out.

The proposed trip to Washington was very enthusiastically discussed by the infantrymen at their armory last night, the weather having been too inclement for the regularly appointed drill. An increased number of members signified their intention of going and Capt. Robertson spoke very hopeful, after the meeting, of carrying the full roster. An extra drill will be held Thursday night in preparation for the trip and two other extra drills will be held next week.

PURCHASED O. A. N. GROUNDS.

Building Property Acquired by Mr. Thos. P. Bagley—$12,000 Consideration.

The entire block of city real estate, known as "St. James' square" or the O. A. N. grounds, bounded by Eighth, Ninth, Orange and Ann streets, was purchased yesterday by Mr. Thos. P. Bagley for a consideration of $12,000 from the vestry of St. James' Episcopal church. The purchase was effected through the real estate agency of M. C. Darby & Co., and it is understood that Mr. Bagley has divided the property into building lots of good size and will sell them as speedily as possible to the best advantage; in fact, Mr. Bagley has already sold several of them and is negotiating for the sale of others. The block is 330x396 feet in size and is most eligibly located, on the car line and of easy access to the business district of the city. The building up of the square will be quite an addition to the beauty of that section of the city.

At Annapolis, Md., yesterday afternoon, with military honors and escorted to the train by the full brigade of his former ship and school mates, following the Naval Academy band, the remains of Midshipman Samuel Westray Battle, who dropped dead at dinner formation Sunday, were taken from Annapolis, bound for his former home at Asheville, N. C. The body was accompanied by the young man's father, Surgeon S. W. Battle, U. S. N., retired, who arrived yesterday morning.

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